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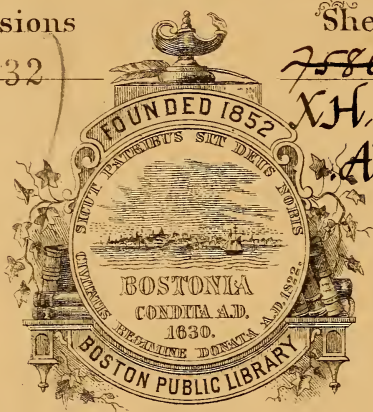
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ALL classes and descriptions of Free People of Colour of *good character*, are included in the invitation of President Boyer, who will be received as citizens and children of the Republic—protected by its laws, and encouraged and assisted in their different professions.

The following, however, are more immediately particularized in the instructions of President Boyer to Citizen J. Granville.

FIRST CLASS. Those that go in small communities of not less than 12 in number, for the purpose of improving uncultivated or neglected lands. Not such as are known in this country under the name of wild and uncleared lands, but such as have been deserted, and are running up in bushes, intermingled with coffee plants, cotton, &c. To these associations of twelve persons, thirty-six acres, or three acres for each individual, is allotted for immediate support, of which they will become sole proprietors or owners, after they have, by their own industry, well improved the same, together with as many more acres as the government may judge them entitled to, as a reward for their *sobriety, industry, and economy*, so as not to be less than fifteen acres for every *sober, industrious farmer*.

These cultivators will have the expense of their passages paid for them at Hayti, by the Government, who will also furnish them with four months' subsistence after their arrival and settlement on the lands

allotted for them:—time amply sufficient to enable them by their own industry to provide for their own support, in a country where three very abundant crops of corn and other products can be raised from the soil in one year, and conveyed at little expense to an excellent market. These advances are a donation or free gift from the Republic, as per articles of instructions VI. VIII.

In order more fully to explain this liberal offer of President Boyer, it may be proper to observe, that the associations of twelve, to whom the thirty-six acres are immediately allotted, are not *necessarily* to be composed of *twelve full grown, able-bodied, single men*—but a family consisting of a man and his wife, and ten children or hired labourers, *male and female*, capable of performing any branch of agricultural labour, will be entitled to this grant, or to their *proportion* of acres, according to the number of their children and domestics capable of labouring.

This offer holds out encouragement of sufficient magnitude to induce respectable and industrious farmers to go immediately, upon their arrival at Hayti, in considerable numbers to the lands designed for them, situated in the most fertile, pleasant, and healthy parts of the Island, and where they will find houses ready for them to go into. By going in large numbers in the same neighbourhood, they will form communities of themselves. They will want their own mechanics; such as *carpenters, blacksmiths, shoemakers, tailors, &c.* Their conversations will be with one another, and they will not, in consequence, feel so sensibly their ignorance of the language of the country; which they may however readily acquire, by their intercourse

with the Haytiens ; they will soon have schools established among them for the education of their children, and enjoy many advantages of high importance, which they cannot so soon experience in a scattered location.

Characters of the above description, will have it in their power to acquire by regular gradations, through their own *industry and good conduct*, as much land as they can profitably cultivate, and may have the great satisfaction of seeing their children filling in society the stations of respectable and independent farmers.

SECOND CLASS. Those who embark with a view of cultivating lands already planted with *coffee, sugar cane, fruit, vegetables, &c.* belonging to other citizens, either by renting or working them upon shares. These will have to come under obligations, that they will, upon their arrival at Hayti, enter into the above arrangements or situations, under the protection of laws and regulations made for the express purpose of governing such contracts ; and to repay in six months the expenses of their passage, &c., as per articles VII and IX.

The following is the form of obligation they must come under, viz. :—

We, the subscribers, being about to emigrate to the Island of Hayti, to apply ourselves individually to farming, either by renting, or working lands already improved upon shares, do severally engage and covenant with the Government of the Republic of Hayti, that on our arrival in the said island, we will make the above mentioned arrangements ; and we further severally bind ourselves, to repay and return to the Government

of the said Republic, in six months after our arrival there, the amount that may be paid by or on account of the Government for our passages and subsistence during the voyage.

Witness our hands at the city of New-York, the
day of 1824.

After this class have faithfully fulfilled their engagements, for not less than one year with their employers or landlords, they will be at liberty to turn farmers on their own accounts, and have lands given them to cultivate according to their good conduct.

THIRD CLASS. Those who go as mechanics, traders, Clerks, or School Masters—must also give obligations to repay in six months the expenses paid on their account, as per Article IX. The form of the obligation being as follows, viz. :—

We, the subscribers, being about to emigrate to the Island of Hayti, do hereby severally bind ourselves to return and repay to the Government of the Republic of Hayti, in six months after our arrival in said Island, the amount that may be paid by or on account of said Government, for our passages and subsistence during the voyage.

Witness our hands at the city of New-York, this
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This class also will be assisted by the Government in pursuing their various professions.

In addition to the above, forty coloured Mechanics, such as Carpenters, Timber-Sawyers, Blacksmiths, Caulkers, Rope Makers, Sail Makers, &c. capable of working in a Timber or Ship Yard, in constructing and equipping small vessels, are immediately wanted—and the Government will either purchase these vessels

from them, at fair and reasonable prices, or pay them generous wages by the day: and if these workmen have wives and children, the Government will give them lands suitable for the cultivation of coffee, cane, and every other species of food, grain and vegetables, as per article XIII.

But it is always to be understood, that the grants of land *particularly* will be proportioned to and considered as a reward for the characters which the different classes of emigrants may establish by their *sobriety, industry, and general good conduct.*

All religious professions are tolerated, and men are left at full liberty to worship their Creator according to the dictates of their own conscience, and through the medium of their own forms and ceremonies—provided they do not disturb the public tranquillity.

We have laid before the Free People of Colour of New-York, and other parts of the United States, the encouragement held out to them to emigrate to Hayti. Those who are inclined to avail themselves of the benevolent invitation of President Boyer, and have made up their minds to embark in either of the above capacities, are requested to make early application to *Hugh M'Cormick*, agent to the Society, at their office No. 64, Fulton-street, or to *John B. Platt*, agent of the Auxiliary Association of Coloured People, at his office, No. 84, Chapel-street, for the purpose of entering their names; and, as soon as a sufficient number are ready to embark, vessels will be provided for the purpose. Citizen Granville has entered into legal obligations on behalf of his government, that every engagement held up to emigrants in this publication, shall be *faithfully* complied with by the Republic of Hayti.

There is now in the press, and will be shortly published, a Historical account of the Island of Hayti, from its first discovery by Columbus, down to the year 1818, in 1 vol. octavo; and immediately on receipt of official documents daily expected from Hayti, a 2d octavo vol. will be published containing a Geographical, Statistical, and Political account of the present state of the Haytian Republic, by which the Free People of Colour in the United States, as well as the public generally, may become possessed of full and authentic information, upon which entire dependence may be placed relative to that interesting country.

All letters and communications on the subject of Emigration to Hayti, must be directed to PETER BARKER, Corresponding Secretary, at the office, No. 64, Fulton-street; and all persons having business with the Agent, HUGH M'CORMICK, must apply at the same place.

Signed by order of the acting Committee.

PETER BARKER, *Secretary.*

7th mo. 30th, 1824.

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